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Georgia Southern rolls to 48-31 non-conference victory  
Football

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**LAS CRUCES, N.M.** - The New Mexico State Aggies raced out of the stables, but the Georgia Southern football team slowly reigned them back in en route to a 48-31 non-conference win at Aggie Memorial Stadium Saturday afternoon to become bowl eligible for the second time in program history.

**Key Moment:** Trailing 14-3, the Eagle defense finally held the Aggies and forced a punt late in the first quarter. Georgia Southern went on to score touchdowns on the next six drives to take a 45-17 lead in the third quarter.

**GS Play of the Game:** [Quan Griffin](#) recovered a fumble in the third quarter to mark the 10th-straight game with a turnover. It led to the second touchdown of the second half as the Eagles pulled away.

**Key Stat:** After putting up 194 yards of total offense and two touchdowns in the first quarter, New Mexico State was held 81 yards and a field goal in the second stanza.

## Scoring Plays:

- NMSU's Christian Gibson capped off a 10-play drive to open the game with a 5-yard touchdown. NMSU 7-0
- [Tyler Bass](#) drilled a 41-yard field goal on the Eagles' first drive. NMSU 7-3
- Jason Huntley went around the right side from 9 yards out on the Aggies' second drive to extend their lead. NMSU 14-3
- [Wesley Kennedy III](#) took the handoff up the middle and scored from 15 yards out late in the first quarter. NMSU 14-10
- Kennedy III got into the end zone midway through the second quarter, this time from 8 yards out, to give the Eagles their first lead of the game. GS 17-14
- The Eagles held the Aggies inside the 5-yard line, forcing a 23-yard field goal from Dylan Brown with 6:18 left in the half. Tied 17-17
- The Eagles took the ball down the field 75 yards in 12 plays, capped by a 3-yard touchdown run from [Shai Werts](#) with just six seconds left in the half. GS 24-17
- Redshirt freshman [Logan Wright](#) scored his first collegiate touchdown with a 2-yard run on the first drive of the third quarter. GS 31-17
- After a turnover, [Monteo Garrett](#) went up the middle for a 9-yard touchdown midway through the third quarter. GS 38-17
- After an interception by [Kindle Vildor](#), [Logan Wright](#) scored from 13 yards out to give the Eagles a 28-point lead. GS 45-17
- NMSU was aided by over 30 yards in penalties on a drive that finished with Jason Huntley scoring from 1-yard out late in the third quarter, breaking a string of 28-unanswered points by the Eagles. GS 45-24
- Bass hit a 25-yard field goal with just over 10 minutes left in the game. GS 48-24
- The Aggies kept coming at the Eagles, scoring midway through the fourth quarter when Huntley scored from a yard out. GS 48-31

**GS Player of the Game:** Redshirt freshman [Logan Wright](#) made the most of his opportunity for extended play. With starter [Wesley Fields](#) out with an injury, Wright set career highs in carries (17), yards (136) and touchdowns (2) as the Eagles rolled to the win.

**Up Next:** The Eagles (5-1, 3-0) will step back into conference play and have a short week to prepare for Appalachian State (5-1, 4-0). The Eagles and Mountaineers will play Thursday night at Allen E. Paulson Stadium in Statesboro in a game that will be televised nationally by ESPNU.  
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